Foreign Exchange earnings by Noida export Processing zone

1138. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the foreign exchange earnings by Noida Export Processing Zone till the end of 1988;

(b) what has been the foreign exchange outgo for the same period; and

(c) what has been the repatriation of profits by the foreign companies in the NOIDA Export Processing Zone for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The Foreign exchange earnings till the end of 1988 by the Noida Export Prosessing Zone has been about Rs. 39.28 crores.

(b) The Foreign exchange outgo till the end of 1988 has been about Rs. 19.54 crores.

(c) There has been no repatriation of profits by any foreign company so far in the NOIDA Export Processing Zone.

Investment of foreign capitals in Free Trade Zones in India

1139. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total foreign capital invested in the Free Trade Zones in our country; and

(b) how many units in the Free Trade Zones are meeting all the objectives for which these units were created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Total foreign capital (including NRI) invested in all six Free Trade Zones is about Rs. 18.94 crores.

(b) Units in Free Trade Zones have to operate within the conditions stipulated in their respective letters of approval. The operation of Zone units is monitored towards achieving these objectives and appropriate steps are taken where called for in this regard.

Permission to import banned items to the industries in free trade zones

1140. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the units established in the Free Trade Zones to import the items that are banned under our import guidelines; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Babri Masjid-Ram Janam Bhoomi controversy

1141. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister af HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nine prominent political leaders of the country, mainly from Leftist parties have written a letter to the Prime Minister expressing their concern over the inaction of Government over the Babri Masjid Ram Janam Bhoomi controversy and seeking his intervention in the matter; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and his reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A letter signed by Sarvashri E. M. S. Namboodi-

ripad, C. Rajeshwara Rao and seven others regarding Ram Janam Bhoomi/ Babri Masjid controversy has been received by the Prime Minister.

(b) The Central Government offered its good offices to both the parties to resolve the issue through negotiations. In the absence of any common ground for settlement, the Union Government has advised the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to expedite the legal process for adjudication of the dispute by the High Court. The State Government has moved the High Court for taking over all the four pending suits pertaining to the dispute, their consolidation and expeditious disposal.

Traffic restrictions for chartered buses entering Connaught Place

1142. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the latest traffic restrictions on chartered buses only for not entering Connaught Place, New Delhi in the morning and evening are discriminatory and thousands of commuters have been put to inconvenience because of the traffic curbs;

(b) whether representations have been made to the Deputy Commissioner of Traffic Police in this regard; and

(c) whether suitable arrangements will be made for providing reasonable stoppages at various points in Connaught Place, Kasturba Gandhi Marg and Parliament Street with least inconvenience to the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The latest restrictions are only to the effect that the period of Restricted entry stands increased by half an hour.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In view of the heavy density of traffic and increasing congestion in these areas it will not be possible to allow these buses. DTC which provides services to general public is being given a free hand in the said area. This ensures that public at large is not inconvenienced.

Declaration of Dimapur, Silchar and Guwahati as B-2 Clas scities

1143. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dimapur in Nagaland and Silchar in Assam are going to be declared as B-2 Class cities:

(b) whether the Assam Government has been requesting for declaring Guwahati also as B-2 Class city; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is under consideration

Memorandum submitted to Prime Minister by several organisations from J&K

1144. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a report published in the Statesman of the 19th March, 1989 to the effect that several organisations from Jammu and